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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:) Combustion Apparatus
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Ser. No.: 10/650,135) Examiner Carl S. Miller
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE
REJECTION IN THE NOV. 30, 2007 FINAL
OFFICE ACTION AND FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A FURTHER
NON-FINAL ACTION ADDRESSING PREVIOUSLY ADDED CLAIMS**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Initially, Applicant wishes to point out that the November 30, 2007 Office Action does not address claims 35-38, added by the Amendment C, filed on September 7, 2007. In that Amendment, claims 27 and 28 were also cancelled. It is respectfully requested that if the Examiner does not allow the case in the next Action, he issue a non-Final Action addressing any rejection of claims 35-38.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 3-26 and 29-34. Currently, claims 1, 3, 4, 6-15, 17, 21-26 and 29-34 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 as obvious over "Japan '141" in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,503,826, to Kessler et al (Kessler). Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 USC §103 as obvious over Kessler and Japan '141, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,722,305 (Mizushima). Claims 16 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 as obvious over Japan '141 in view of Kessler, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,009,856, to Smith III et al (Smith).